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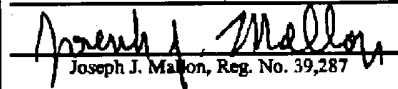
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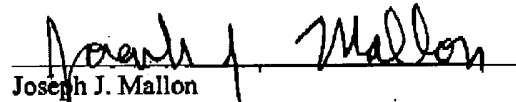
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

Applicants have received the Office Action of February 18, 2004. Claims 1-53 are currently pending in this application.

The Office requires restriction to one of the following groups:

- Group I: Claims 1, 3, 4 and 5, drawn to polypeptides, classified in class 530, subclass 350.
- Group II: Claims 2, 6 and 7, drawn to nucleic acids, classified in class 536, subclass 23.7.
- Group III: Claim 8, drawn to antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1.
- Group IV: Claims 9, 10, 11 and 12, drawn to methods of using LuxO, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- Group V: Claims 13-23 and 29-32, drawn to methods of screening for compounds that modulate the binding of LuxO and sigma 54 polypeptide, classified in class 435, subclass 7.9.

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- Group VI: Claims 24-28, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions, classified in class 536, subclass 24.5.
- Group VII: Claims 33-42, drawn to methods of using the pharmaceutical compositions to regulate expression of a virulence factor, classified in class 514, subclass 2.
- Group VIII: Claims 43-46, drawn to methods of regulation bacterial colony morphology, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- Group XI: Claims 47-51, drawn to methods for treating a subject, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- Group X: Claims 52 and 53, drawn to a bacterial cell, classified in class 435, subclass 243.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Group IV, Claims 9, 10, 11 and 12, without traverse, for further prosecution on the merits, and understand that the claims of Groups I-III and V-X, Claims 1-8 and 13-53, will be withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional and/or continuation applications containing claims directed to all or part of the subject matter of any claims amended, withdrawn, or canceled at any time during the prosecution of this application, and thus unclaimed subject matter is not dedicated to the public.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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